



Indiana Department of Education

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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Jeff Zaring, State Board Administrator

DATE: October 28, 2010

SUBJECT: Consideration of consolidation plan for Prairie School Township and Dewey School Township of LaPorte County

Indiana Code 20-23-6-18 provides that:

IC 20-23-6-18

Prairie Township School Corporation; mandatory consolidation

Sec. 18. (a) Before January 1, 2011, Prairie Township School Corporation shall reorganize by consolidating with an adjacent school corporation under this chapter.

(b) If the governing body of Prairie Township School Corporation does not comply with this section before January 1, 2011, the state board shall, after December 31, 2010, develop a reorganization plan for the school corporation and require the governing body to implement the plan.

As added by P.L.182-2009(ss), SEC.310. As amended by P.L.1-2010, SEC.76.

In response to this requirement, Prairie Township entered into a consolidation agreement with Dewey School Township. The matter will be on the ballot on Tuesday, November 2. If adopted by the voters, the consolidation is eligible for approval by the State Board of Education. The Department will present a recommendation.